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1. [redacted] the Steel Works at Miskolc were working with 11, 80-ton furnaces, six of which had been newly constructed since the end of the war, and one 60-ton furnace.
2. The works employed about 1,500 workers in three 8-hour shifts, and were producing 108,000 tons of steel a month.
3. The entire production was being delivered to the USSR, which also supplied all the ores. In November 1951 three new furnaces were built in Miskolc. [redacted]
 [redacted] Two of these furnaces had a capacity of 80 tons, while the third had a capacity of only 60 tons. The Hungarian representation of both of the above-named firms in Budapest is carried out by the firm Edmund Cukor, Budapest, Bathory Ucca 19.
4. [redacted] construction of a further 140-ton furnace [redacted] should be completed by the fall of 1952.
5. [redacted] there were no particular bottlenecks in the steel production at the works; all raw materials were delivered promptly and in adequate quantities. Generally speaking, however, [redacted]
 [redacted] there was a marked shortage of precision instruments and of all types of electrical equipment. The wireless industry could not obtain spare parts. Rubber was also very scarce [redacted]
6. Engineering work in general was at that time considerably hampered by an acute

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shortage of slide rules and calculating machines.

7. The production of every steel works in the country was supervised by a Russian engineer. This gave rise to considerable dissatisfaction among the more patriotic workers.
8. Food was plentiful but expensive. A medium-sized and indifferently appointed hotel room cost 95 forint for one night (approx. DM 40), and American cigarettes on the black market were obtainable at the equivalent of DM 30 per package.
9. The streets of Budapest were full of brand-new "Volkswagens" and Mercedes, all of which were state-owned and maintained officially.

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